

VIA ECFS

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April 28, 2009

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Petition of Verizon New England for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in Rhode Island, WC Docket No. 08-24; Petition of the Verizon Telephone Companies for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in Cox's Service Territory in the Virginia Beach Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Dkt. No. 08-49*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Earlier today, Julia Strow, Vice President of EAS Consulting, Inc. and an outside consultant to Cbeyond, Inc. and One Communications Corp., and the undersigned, representing Cbeyond, Inc., Integra Telecom, Inc., One Communications Corp. and tw telecom inc., met with Nick Alexander, Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell, regarding the above-referenced proceedings.

The participants urged the Commission to adopt the standard for assessing incumbent LEC petitions for forbearance from unbundling obligations that was proposed by a coalition of competitors, including Cbeyond, Integra, One Communications and tw telecom, on March 26, 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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One Communications Corp. and tw telecom inc.*

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